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1347 Davenport Community Centre

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1347 Davenport Community Centre

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PREFACE

The Implementation Task Force, in response to a request from the City of Toronto Executive Committee to review the 1347 Davenport Community Centre, established a Sub-committee under the chairmanship of Paul Zarnke to carry out this task. The members of the Committee are listed on the first page of this report.

The Committee met four times.Each City Department represented on the Committee prepared reports related to the particular expertise of the Department. Three Committee members met with residents of the Dufferin-Davenport community.

The willing co-operation of the City Departments of Management Services, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development and Property has been essential in preparing the report. Also, the advice of Communications Division, City Clerk's Department, concerning the report format and the response of Printing Services in meeting our tight schedule has made the work a real co-operative effort.

The community representatives with whom Committee members have met have been generous with their candour and willingness to participate in the process.

The advice and support of the Aldermen have been important for us as we developed the process and undertook the work.

Roger Hollander Chairman Implementation Task Force

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That By-law 211-79 creating a Management Board for the 1347 Davenport Community Centre be rescinded.

2. That 1347 Davenport be a community centre under the jurisdiction of theDepartment of Parks and Recreation.

3. That a part-time program co-ordinator be provided to the Centre by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

4. That the program co-ordinator be retained on a two-year half-time contract basis for $13,000 per annum.

5. That this sum and a sum of $10,000 per annum for operation and maintenance costs be allotted to the Department of Parks and Recreation to meet these expenditures.

6. That an Advisory Council be established at the Centre to assist in program development.

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SUMMARY

The 1347 Davenport Community Centre was established in the mid-seventies through the Neighbourhood Improvement Program. The community residents have been active in its development from the outset and staff of the Planning and Development Department, when the site office was located at 1347 Davenport, provided program co-ordination and development to the Centre users.

In 1979 a Board of Management was appointed by City Council and a staff person hired. The original staff person left and was not replaced. As a result the system broke down. The Board has been inactive for the past two years.

The Dufferin-Davenport Seniors' Club has been the main user of the Centre and continues to run program there on a regular basis. Other community groups have used the facility and there is potential for expanded use given identified community need.

Because of environmental barriers within the broader Dufferin-Davenport community other resources are not practically accessible for groups such as seniors. The neighbourhood has a relatively high percentage of persons over fifty-four years old.

The community-preferred management system for the Centre is an Advisory Council through the City Department of Parks and Recreation with part-time co-ordination and program development support. The annual estimated cost for this including maintenance is about $23,000. Current market value of the building is in the $90,000 range. The original cost in 1975 was $71,500. An additional $44,000 has been spent to refurbish the building to meet public use standards and to maintain it since 1976.

DUFFERIN-DAVENPORT COMMUNITY PROFILE

The 1347 Davenport Community Centre is located in the Dufferin-Davenport neighbourhood. This neighbourhood is situated between the southerly edge of the Escarpment on Davenport Road and the CPR's major east-west line that parallels Dupont Street. On the east is Ossington Avenue, also the boundary between Wards 1 and 3, and on the west the CNR line and the Canadian General Electric industrial complex. These environmental features, the Escarpment, major rail corridors and industrial tracts, isolate residential areas within Dufferin-Davenport from other neighbourhoods. Further, the Ontario Hydro right-of-way separates communities within the area. The western portion of the neighbourhood, the one in which the 1347 Davenport Community Centre is located, is characterized by a mixed residential-industrial land use pattern, with factories and houses often located next to each other.

Dufferin-Davenport has traditionally been, and continues to be, primarily a working class neighbourhood. There is no significant evidence of any trends to "white-painting", or to a consequent shift in population from working class to professional/middle class, as is the case with adjacent neighbourhoods.

Dufferin-Davenport's population has been traditionally stable, except for a major decline in the period 1971-1981. The decline in population from 1961 to 1971 was about 1%. From 1971-1981, it was 16%. This decline is, however, consistent with the decline across the City of Toronto for this period.

In the past decade there has been a dramatic change in the ethnic make-up of the community. The statistics for 1971 indicate that 57% of the population reported Italian as its mother tongue with 46% of the population stating that Italian was the language used most frequently in the

home. This is compared with 40% who said that English was the household language. The 1981 statistics report 28% with Italian as the mother tongue, 34% English and 28% Portuguese.

77% of the private dwellings are owner occupied. This has been consistent from 1971 to 1981. The statistic for the City of Toronto is 40%. The pupulation is family-oriented, as evidenced by the 78% of the private dwellings that are owner-occupied and the 55% of households that are composed of three to five persons. 16% of the population consists of persons over fifty-four years old.

These statitics are taken from census tract 109. Although this tract does not include all of Dufferin-Davenport, it is believed to accurately reflect the nature and trends of the total community, the population of which is about 5,000.

1347 DAVENPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRONOLOGY

1973, August	City Council designates Dufferin-Davenport as a Neighbourhood Improvement (NIP) area, mostly as the result of efforts of the Dufferin-Davenport Resident's Association.
1973, September	A Dufferin-Davenport site office is opened by the then Develoment Department. The Planning Board initiates a Part II Official Plan study, and assigns staff to the site office. The Dufferin-Davenport Resident's Association is very involved in NIP and planning issues in general including decisions related to the hiring of staff.
1975, August	The City of Toronto purchases the property at 1347 Davenport for use as a community/day care centre. A sum of $75,000 is allocated for land acquisition and $50,000 to refurbish the building to meet public use and day care standards. The above monies are from the million dollar NIP budget.
1975, November	The City takes possession of 1347 Davenport.
1976, January	As there is no day care facility organized as yet, the Planning and Development site office is moved to the second floor.
1976, January/June	The Dufferin-Davenport Community Services, a Local Improvement Project

(LIP), a job creation program of the federal government, operates from the first floor of 1347 Davenport. Citizenship programs are offerred on a two-night-a-week and week-end basis.

1976, May — An Advisory Committee for 1347 Davenport is formed.

1976, August — The Dufferin-Davenport Senior Citizens Club is formed with sixty members and a working committee of sixteen.

1976, September — The Commissioner of Development gives the Dufferin-Davenport Senior's Club permission to use the first floor of 1347 Davenport.

1977, January — The Dufferin-Davenport Seniors Club receives a grant under the federal government's New Horizons Program and almost all the furniture presently in 1347 Davenport is purchased by New Horizons funds. The Seniors are the main community users of 1347 DAvenport. Their program includes film and bingo nights and a range of social activities. This is the only seniors club in the Italian community at the time that includes mixed programs for men and women. The site office staff provides all the organizational and resource help and its office is used as a community information/interpreter centre.

1977, February/April — The first annual Income Tax Clinic is established. It is very successful with a minimum of sixteen people twice a week over a period of two months making use of the service.

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1977, March 27	The Se ior's Club holds its official opening ceremony and inaugural meeting and adopts its constitution.
1977, Summer	Exterior improvements are made on the property - sand box, bocce court and landscaping.
1978, June	A pre-school program starts, using the large room on the second floor and the back yard. Staff for this is funded by the Dante Aligieri Society, an Italian cultural organization. A health clinic of the Hillcrest Health Centre begins operation and the Neighbourhood Information Centre from Dovercourt Park offers services on a once-a-week basis.
1978, October	A decision is made to set-up a Board of Management and community members are nominated at a public meeting.
1978, December	The NIP program ends. No staff is assigned to deal directly with the Seniors or other community users of 1347 Davenport.
1979, June	Board of Management approved by City Council, under By-law 211-79. Part-time staff for the 1347 Davenport Community Centre is hired.
1980-1982	Staff person leaves. No replacement is hired nor is another staff person provided by the City. The Board of Management ceases to function. The Senior's Club becomes the de facto operator of the Centre. There is confusion over who is responsible for the

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Centre - City Property? Parks and Recreation? Aldermen? Seniors Club? The Centre is used at different times by a number of community organizations including: the Alvito Social Club, the S. San Bruno Social Club, the 25+ Club, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the Carlo Levi Society. Some users are discouraged by the uncertainty over the Centre's future. In September 1982 the two Ward Aldermen call a meeting. Over fifty people attend. They are unanimous in wanting 1347 Davenport to continue as a Community Centre - "Don't sell the Centre. Help us to run it properly."

1347 DAVENPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE TODAY

On Friday, January 14, 1983, Paul Zarnke, Chairman of the Implementation Task Force committee, Vince Pietropaolo from Planning and Development and Keith Fielding from Management Services met with community members active in the organizations using or interested in the 1347 Davenport Community Centre. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with them issues related to the future of the Centre. Those present included former members of the 1347 Davenport Community Centre Board, the president and several members from the Dufferin-Davenport Seniors Social Club and a representative from the Dufferin-Davenport Residents' Association.

Currently the principle user of the Centre is the Dufferin-Davenport Seniors' Social Club. It has a membership of seventy, an executive of eight and approximately fifteen to twenty of its members use the Centre each day.

Other organizations use space on an occasional basis and these include:

the 25+Club - three times a year - approximately thirty people each time.

the Boy Scouts from St. Mary's Church - three to four times a year - eight to twelve people each time.

Beavers and Cubs had used the building every two months last year and would like to use it on a regular monthly basis- there are about 15 Beavers and 8 Cubs.

the Alvito Social Club at one time used the building each month, but stopped because of access problems. Its members would like to continue to use the Centre - there are approximately one hundred members.

the St. Bruno Club and the Dufferin-Davenport Residents Association might also use the Centre for their meetings.

the Tiger Eye Sikh group has shown and interest in using the Centre.

Representatives explained that in the past the Community Centre Board of Management had not worked well. Some programs had been organized in the building with the then Development Department staff: Tax Clinics were held over a two month period for two days each week and served "hundreds of people"; City Clerk's Department staff set up a community information service that was open one day each week; a grant based program for pre-school children and an after school program were both well attended, but the grant terminated; there were Citizenship classes and a Women's Club; and Bingo sessions were always well attended.

It was emphasized by the community representatives that the only problem preventing much greater use of the building was the lack of someone to co-ordinate programs and develop a schedule. In their opinion the Centre would be in constant use with this type of resource.

The model of operation suggested by the community representatives was one in which a part-time staff person would be provided by the City. The main responsibility of this person would be to assist in program development and provide continuity and co-ordination among the various users. The residents expressed a strong interest in being involved in the selection of the co-ordinator. It was believed that a community advisory council would

provide the best forum for community in-put. The Board of Management structure was felt to be unnecessary given the size of the Centre and the interests of the principle users.

CONCLUSION

The physical features f the Dufferin-Davenport community support the need for a small neighbourhood recreation and community service facility; especially, for persons who might find it difficult to overcome the physical barriers that these features present. The fact that persons over fifty years old make up 16% of the population of Dufferin-Davenport argues for the need for the 1347 Davenport Community Centre. It is the interest of seniors in the Centre that has sustained it from its beginning and forms the basis of the current efforts to maintain it.

The history of the Centre indicates a broad and varied community interest and points to the possibility for extensive use given rather minimal staff support. The request of the community as represented by those who met with Implementation Task Force Committee members is for a part-time co-ordinator. The management structure suggested is that of an advisory committee to the co-ordinator. The projected annual cost estimated for this type of arrangement is $13,000 for the co-ordinator on a half-time two year contract and $10,000 for operating and maintenance costs assuming the use of casual staff. The projected budget is appended.

The building is valued at about $90,000. It was originally purchased for 71,500 and an additional $44,000 has been spent to refurbish and maintain it since 1976. There does not appear to be strong argument for or current interest in "cutting losses" by selling. Such a move would seem particularly inappropriate given the potential of the Centre.It is to be noted that there are no other facilities within the neighbourhood of 1347 Davenport that offer the same type of resource as that of the Centre. Other existing facilities are beyond the range of the users given the physical difficulties that the environmental factors present.

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PROJECTED ANNUAL BUDGET
1347 Davenport Community Centre

Co-ordinator	$13,000
Caretaking	5,700
Maintenance	1,500
Fuel Oil	1,400
Telephone	640
Hydro	500
Water	200
Insurance	60
TOTAL	$23,000

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To: The City of Toronto Executive Committee

From: Commissioner of Housing

Subject: 1347 Davenport Road

Origin: Executive Committee December 6, 1982
(c38exec83002:40)

Comments:

Your Committee, at its in conference meeting held on December 16, 1982, requested me to report on the financial details of the use of this property for housing.

If a decision was made to discontinue the existing community facility I anticipate that the maximum amount I might be able to secure under the Non-Profit Program for acquisition of the property would be approximately $60 - 70,000.

It should be pointed out that under the current Maximum Unit Prices there is no category for existing single family dwellings such as the subject. Bearing this in mind, there is a chance that Cityhome may not be able to secure funding to purchase the property. If that was the case, I would be prepared to manage the property in the same manner as other City of Toronto residential properties under my Department's management. This would ensure that the property would remain as a rental unit suitable for low to moderate income families.

Recommendation:

That if a decision is made to relocate or discontinue the existing community facility, the property be placed under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Housing and not be disposed of on the open market.

Commissioner
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CITY OF TORONTO
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

J. D. Phillips

February 9, 1983

To: The City of Toronto Executive Committee

Subject: Use of 1347 Davenport Road (c06exec83039:167)

Origin: Letter dated February 1, 1983 from the Secretary of the Executive Committee

Comments:

The aforesaid letter from the Secretary of the Executive Committee reads as follows:

> "At a Conference meeting on January 31, 1983, the Executive Committee again gave consideration to material with respect to the proposed future use of property at 1347 Davenport Road as a community centre. The Committee noted that similar facilities are available within a few blocks at both the Dufferin-Davenport and the Wallace-Emerson Community Centres.
>
> The Committee therefore decided to not recommend the use of 1347 Davenport Road as a community centre, and to request the City Solicitor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Planning and Development, to report back to the Executive Committee in Conference on the action necessary to transfer this property to the City Housing Department."

The following are the steps that should be taken prior to placing the property at 1347 Davenport Road under the jurisdiction of the City Housing Department:

1. That authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in council to repeal By-law No. 211-79, being "A By-law To provide for the maintenance, management and operation of premises No. 1347 Davenport Road as a community Centre, by a board of management.".

2. That the City Solicitor in consultation with the Commissioner of Planning and Development report to the Neighborhoods Committee on a draft By-law to amend By-law No. 579-76, being "A By-law To adopt a redevelopment plan for the Dufferin-Davenport Redevelopment Area.", pursuant to subsection 22(7) of the Planning Act, such draft by-law to among other things, delete all reference to the recreation centre at 1347 Davenport Road.

3. Prior to the passing of the bill in the form of the draft by-law referred to above the Chairman of the Neighborhoods Committee would be requested to set a time at which the Neighborhoods Committee would hear representations from the public in respect of the proposed by-law and the City Clerk would be directed to place a notice in the three Toronto newspapers setting out the time at which such representations from the public will be heard by the Neighborhoods Committee.

4. After the bill has been read for a second time, the Commissioner of Planning and Development would be authorized to seek the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the amendment of the Dufferin-Davenport Redevelopment Plan.

5. The third reading to the bill will not be given until the Ministerial approval referred to above has been obtained.

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Deputy City Solicitor

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Executive Committee

BARBARA CAPLAN/*Secretary*
DAVID THOMAS/*Assistant Secretary*

CITY OF TORONTO

City Hall, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 2N2 / 367-7031

February 18, 1983.

To: Neighbourhoods Committee

At its meeting on February 16, 1983, the Executive Committee had before it the following material with respect to the proposed future use of property at 1347 Davenport Road as a community centre:

(a) Communication (October 14, 1982) from the City Clerk advising of the action taken by City Council on October 7 and 8, 1982, in respect of a communication received from the Neighbourhoods Committee recommending the operation of a small community centre at this location.

(b) Communication (October 7, 1981) from the President and Vice-President of the Dufferin-Davenport Senior Citizen's Club, addressed to Mr. Paul Ringer of the Planning and Development Department.

(c) Further communication (January 20, 1983) from the President and Vice-President of the Dufferin-Davenport Senior Citizens' Club.

(d) Communication (January 25, 1983) from the President and Secretary of the Gray Tigers Senior Citizens Club.

(e) Report (January 31, 1983) prepared through the cooperation of the Implementation Task Force Neighbourhoods Social and Recreation Services and the Departments of Management Services, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development, and City Property.

(f) Report (January 10, 1983) from the Commissioner of Housing, as requested, on the financial details of the use of this property for housing.

(g) Report (February 9, 1983) from the Deputy City Solicitor, as requested, on the action necessary to transfer this property to the City Housing Department.

The Executive Committee noted that similar facilities were available within a few blocks at both the Dufferin-Davenport and the Wallace-Emerson Community Centres and that, on January 31, 1983, it had decided to not recommend the use of 1347 Davenport Road as a community centre.

The Executive Committee decided to refer this matter back to the Neighbourhoods Committee for further consideration and the hearing of deputations at its meeting on March 10, 1983.

Yours truly,

David Ramos

Assistant Secretary.

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Alderman Gilbert

Alderman Piccininni

Commissioner of City Property

Commissioner of Planning and Development

Executive Director of Management Services

Commissioner of Housing

City Solicitor

Commissioner of Parks and Recreation

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Roy V. Henderson / City Clerk

A.R.N. Woadden / Deputy City Clerk

Mr. H. Talbot 367-7039

October 14, 1982

Executive Committee

Dear Sir:

City Council at its meeting held on October 7 and 8, 1982, had before it a communication (October 6, 1982) from the Secretary of the Neighbourhoods Committee, respecting the operation of a small community centre at 1347 Davenport Road.

Council referred the foregoing communication to the Budget Review Group and to the Executive Committee in Conference, and directed that the Ward Aldermen be invited to attend when this matter is considered by the Committees.

Yours truly,

Roy V. Henderson

City Clerk

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Executive Committee

Budget Review Group

Alderman Gilbert

Alderman Piccininni

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Mr. Harold Talbot 367-7039

October 6, 1982.

TO: CITY COUNCIL

On October 5, 1982, the Neighbourhoods Committee had before it a report (September 29, 1982) from Alderman Gilbert regarding the operation of a small community centre at 1347 Davenport Road, which recommended:

> "That the Committee and Council endorse the operation of a small community centre at 1347 Davenport Road, request the Board of Management to submit a budget and program for 1983, and request the Budget Review Committee to give early consideration to the proposed budget for the centre."

The Committee recommends that the foregoing report be adopted.

The foregoing is submitted to the October 7, 1982 meeting of City Council to facilitate the preparation of the 1983 budget of the community centre.

Yours truly,

H. Talbot

Secretary,
Neighbourhoods Committee.

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c.c. City Solicitor

Richard Gilbert
Alderman, Ward 3
City of Toronto

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September 29, 1982

To: Neigbhourhoods Committee

Subject: 1347 Davenport Road

Origin: Alderman Richard Gilbert (c98nhc82002:160)

Comments:

The purpose of this letter is to request that consideration be given during the preparation of the 1983 operating budget to the provision of a part-time co-ordinator for the small community centre that is located at the above address.

This former residential property was purchased in 1975 and converted to a small community centre, all using Neighbourhood Improvement Program funds. At various times it has housed a planning site office, an information service provided by the City Clerk, a small day-care centre, and many community functions. When NIP funds were no longer available, these activities were sustained by Toronto Improvement Program funds. An interim Board of Management was established in 1980 to coordinate and manage the centre.

It was planned that on completion of the Wallace-Emerson Centre, located about 1 kilometre away, 1347 Davenport would come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Management of the new centre, operated as a satellite of that centre. This did not happen because in 1981 City Council, contrary to what had been proposed by the community planning committee, voted to have the Wallace-Emerson Centre run by the Parks and Recreation Department. Council overlooked making provision for 1347 Davenport Road.

Since then the building has been in an odd kind of limbo. The Property Department has maintained it (well), but no-one seems to have been directly responsible for it. The Planning and Development Department prepared a report on the future of the building during 1981, but it was not released. The Parks and Recreation Department has not been involved.

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September 29, 1982

Community use has continued for the past 18 months, but at a low level because the future of the building is uncertain, and because no-one has been in a position to co-ordinate activities.

Most recently the future of 1347 Davenport Road has been raised by Alderman Piccininni who, on June 25, proposed to a conference meeting of the Executive Committee that the building be sold and the proceeds used to provide an indoor bocce court at the Wallace-Emerson Centre. A meeting was held in the community on September 27 to discuss this proposal. About 50 residents attended. All but one voted to request that the building be re-established as a small community centre. Also, a petition of about 75 names making the same request was presented to the ward aldermen. At the end of the meeting Alderman Piccininni indicated that he would support retention of 1347 Davenport Road as a small community centre.

The funds required to re-establish the building as a community centre would be minimal, considering the benefit that would be achieved. Basically money for a part-time administrator is all that is required, in addition to the funds for the maintenance of this recently renovated property that are currently being provided.

If this committee votes in principle to re-establish the centre, as indicated above, the Board of Management should be reactivated, and requested to prepare a budget for 1983.

Recommendation

That the Committee and Council endorse the operation of a small community centre at 1347 Davenport Road, request the Board of Management to submit a budget and program for 1983, and request the Budget Review Committee to give early consideration to the proposed budget for the centre.

Richard Gilbert
Alderman - Ward 3

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Dufferin-Davenport Senior Citizens' Club
1437 Dufferin Street
Toronto, Ontario
October 7, 1981

Mr. Paul Ringer
Community Renewal - Program Manager
Planning & Development Department
18th Floor, East Tower
City Hall

(c99exec83091:4)

Dear Mr. Ringer:

Recently the community centre located at 1347 Davenport Road and primarily used by the Dufferin-Davenport Senior Citizens' Club was a subject of a report to you and the Council of the City of Toronto by a Miss Linda Crisp. As I understand it, this report was requested mainly to discuss and lay out the long-range plans for the future of this facility and its present use. Subsequent to that, we personally had a visit from Alderman Piccininni and his assistant to discuss our future, either in this facility or at the Wallace-Emerson Community Centre.

We discussed this facility and also the possibility of it closing because of diminishing use, especially since the Wallace-Emerson Centre has opened (although not official) for service to the community. We recognize that possibly our future on Davenport could be threatened and recognizing these facts, we discussed the possibility of merging with the Men's Club of the Wallace-Emerson area. We have always been envious of the indoor bocce facilities provided at Earlscourt and would be most desirous of seeing this type of facility in the Wallace-Emerson area, that could be used jointly by our organization and the Men's Club in a possible merger of our two groups. We think that this merger could revive some of our vitality and interest. While we might leave this facility with some regrets, we are prepared, if necessary, to move to the Wallace-Emerson Centre only if we are granted a guarantee that our group can be, and will be accommodated in the Wallace-Emerson Community Centre.

I will repeat, we hope that this accommodation would or could possibly lead to a merger but our condition for a voluntary transfer is based solely with the hopes that we would be receiving the additional facility of having an indoor bocce area so that we could continue with our major recreational pastime on a 12-month basis.

We are more than prepared, Mr. Ringer, to meet with you or any other official of the City of Toronto to discuss this at any time convenient to you. If any further questions or information is necessary, we shall be only too pleased to provide same.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Galiano De Luca
President

Mr. V. Pietrangelo
Vice-President

cc--Mr. Mario Rizzo, President, Wallace-Emerson Men's Club
Mr. Joseph Piccininni, Executive Alderman, Ward 3

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January 20, 1983

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

(c99exec83093:4)

We Seniors do not know the individual names of the members of the Committee which will be meeting, as we understand, on January 31, 1983 to discuss the fate of the Dufferin/Davenport Community Centre and we sincerely apologize for this.

We members of the Dufferin/Davenport Senior Citizens' Club would like to ask if the monies which could be obtained from the sale of the small Dufferin/Davenport Community Centre would solve the budget problems of the City of Toronto, or, if it would solve the country's problem of inflation. If either is the case, then, we Seniors will also become young again.

In making your decision, please truly decide for the benefit of us all.

We remain contributing members of our community.

With our heartfelt thanks,

Sincerely,

Galliano Deluca
President
Galliano de Luca

Giuseppe Pietrangelo
Vice-President
Giuseppe Pietrangelo

Gray Tigers Club

13.47 DAVENPORT ROAD
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January 25, 1983

Mayor Arthur Egglenton
Mayor's Office
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Toronto, Ontario
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(c99exec83092:4)

Dear Mayor Egglenton:

The Gray Tigers Seniors Citizens Club of South-East Asian origin has 62 members. Our club is functioning for the last, more than 3 years.

We were getting together at the Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen Street East, Toronto. After some time we moved to Wallace Emerson Community Centre, 1260 Dufferin Street, because the majority of our members reside in the vicinity of this area, that is Lansdown/Ossington, Dupont/ St. Clair. Even then, enough space was not available for us in the Wallace Emerson Community Centre, and we were obliged to move further to Dufferin/Davenport Community Centre, at 1347 Davenport Road, Toronto, where we are holding our meetings.

We have learned that the said community centre is under discussion for its closure, if so we will be again on the road.

Since it is a place where we senior members of the community can meet to pass our time and to forget our cares and sufferings, and we can be in the company of other seniors so that our day passes with less lonliness.

Taking into the view of our facts, we hope that your Excellency will consider the merits of the men and women of our age and to appreciate our continuing need for the Dufferin/Davenport Community Centre, which is the most suitable and convenient place for our members.

We extend our most heartfelt thanks for your continued interest and support.

Yours Sincerely,

R S Khanmba

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